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LISTING OF CLAIMS

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the patent application.

Claim 1 (currently amended): A voice processing apparatus for processing individual voice messages stored in a voice memory system, wherein the voice memory system is controllable via the voice processing apparatus using particular signals, the voice processing apparatus comprising:

a transmission apparatus for sequentially requesting the all individual voice messages stored in the voice memory system via an a single input;

a reception apparatus for sequentially receiving the individual voice messages stored in the voice memory system;

a memory apparatus for separately storing the individual voice messages in the voice processing apparatus; and

a playback apparatus for randomly playing back the stored individual voice messages.

Claim 2 (previously presented): A voice processing apparatus for processing individual voice messages stored in a voice memory system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the transmission apparatus automatically generates and sends the particular signals required for controlling the voice memory system.

Claim 3 (original): A voice processing apparatus for processing individual voice messages stored in a voice memory system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the particular signals are formed based on a dual tone multifrequency dialing method.

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Claim 4 (original): A voice processing apparatus for processing individual voice messages stored in a voice memory system as claimed in claim 1, further comprising:

a display apparatus, the display apparatus having a graphical user interface for controlling the voice processing apparatus.

Claim 5 (original): A voice processing apparatus for processing individual voice messages stored in a voice memory system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the stored individual voice messages are made available to a user as a respective attachment to an e-mail.

Claim 6 (original): A voice processing apparatus for processing individual voice messages stored in a voice memory system as claimed in claim 1, further comprising:

an erasing apparatus for automatically erasing the individual voice messages in the voice memory system which already have been received.

Claim 7 (currently amended): A method for processing individual voice messages from a voice memory system, wherein the voice memory system is controllable via particular signals, the method comprising the steps of

requesting all individual voice messages with a single input;

receiving, sequentially, the individual voice messages stored in the voice memory system;

storing, separately, the individual voice messages; and

playing back, randomly, the stored individual voice messages.

Claim 8 (original): A method for processing individual voice messages from a voice memory system as claimed in claim 7, the method further comprising the step of:

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generating and sending, automatically, the particular signals required for controlling the voice memory system.

Claim 9 (original): A method for processing individual voice messages from a voice memory system as claimed in claim 7, the method further comprising the step of:

making available to a user stored individual voice messages as a respective attachment to an e-mail.

Claim 10 (original): A method for processing individual voice messages from a voice memory system as claimed in claim 7, the method further comprising the step of:

erasing, automatically, the individual voice messages in the voice memory system which already have been received.

Claim 11 (previously presented): A voice processing apparatus for processing individual voice messages stored in a memory system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the transmission apparatus requests multiple individual voice messages stored in the voice memory system by a single request.

Claim 12 (previously presented): A method for processing individual voice messages from a voice memory system as claimed in claim 7, wherein the receiving step receives sequentially multiple individual voice messages stored in the voice memory system with a single request.